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1. On 27 August 1954, an explosion destroyed the Distillation Plant I at VEB Teerverarbeitungswerk, Webau, one of the enterprises under the Main Administration of Liquid Fuels in Production Area Chemistry of the East German Ministry for Heavy Industry. The explosion caused the temporary interruption of "blister distillation". In addition, the conveyor for coal burned. As a result, the production of Diesel Fuel was interrupted for several days.

2. On 7 September 1954, another large fire destroyed important installations in the enterprise.

3. The causes of the accidents are not known. The East German Security Services immediately initiated an investigation of possible sabotage.

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